

Amnesty Rally Tomorrow to Protest Franco Terror

Consul to Get Demands from Delegation

Meeting at Spanish Consulate Wins Wide Support

As public support mounts behind a protest rally before the Spanish Consulate here at noon Saturday, the Provisional Committee for Amnesty in Spain announced yesterday that Acting Consul General Miguel Espinos y Bosch has granted an appointment to a delegation at 11:30 Saturday morning which will present a formal demand for an end to Franco terror and executions, a complete amnesty for all Spanish Republicans, and the release of 350 members of the International Brigade, 30 of whom are American citizens.

The committee also announced yesterday that the Rev. Ver Lynn M. Sprague, recently removed from his Westchester pastorate because of his activities as religious director of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, will be one of the featured speakers at the demonstration, which will take place before the consulate on 54th St. between Madison and Park Aves.

UNIONS BACK RALLY

A general invitation to participate in the demonstration has been issued by the provisional committee to the Confederated Spanish Societies. Already, the committee announced, members of 11 Spanish-speaking organizations, including Spanish Aid Committees of Local 80 of the Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants, AFL and of Local 302 of the Cafeteria Employees Union, AFL, have pledged to attend the demonstration in force.

Other unions backing the demonstration include the National Maritime Union, CIO; the Fur, Floor and Shipping Clerks, CIO; the Social Service Employees, CIO; the United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees, Local 86, CIO; the Cigar Makers Union, Local 273, CIO; the United Office and Professional Workers Union, Local 16, CIO; the United Furniture Workers, Local 76-B and 48-B, CIO; and several locals of the United Fur and Leather Worker, CIO.

Dr. Annette Rubinstein will address the demonstration as the official representative of the American Peace Mobilization.



BROWDER SAYS---

"THE crisis in America and the world has created a situation similar to that of 1856, when the dominant Whig and Democratic parties were, like the present dominant parties, divorced from the masses and in agreement to thwart their will—a situation which gave birth to a new party, a

third party, which began as a desperate minority movement but swept to power in the nation four years later under Abraham Lincoln, solving the crisis through the abolition of slavery and the victory of the Union in the Civil War."

—"The Way Out," by Earl Browder: pages 49-50.

Londoners Dig In Fearing New Massacre

City Reels Under Worst Raid; Number of Dead Uncounted

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don in the 10-hour aerial bombardment. The High Command said the raid was in reprisal for the heavy British air attack on Berlin exactly a week earlier.

The press boasted that henceforth British raids "will be avenged with reprisal attacks on London and other English cities exceeding in scale anything hitherto known."

DESCRIBED AS 'INFERNO'

London was pictured as an inferno under the rolling waves of German bombers. The High Command said the port area and other parts of the metropolitan area were engulfed by great fires which merged into still greater ones.

The official DNB agency said German pilots plying over the city hour after hour counted 80 large fires, many of them vast expanses of flame. Explosions were reported so powerful that they could be seen from German positions on the Channel coast, at least 80 miles distant.

The High Command, reporting that labor and industrial districts of London were "very hard" hit, said harbor works, airports and shipyards on the lower Thames Estuary also were attacked, and at great Yarmouth several heavy bombs hit a large mill and warehouses.

BOMB DOCKS

DNB said docks at Tilbury and Chatham on the Thames and an airport near Exeter were bombed.

The High Command said British planes dropped bombs in northwest Germany during the night but caused no damage worth mentioning and only a few casualties among civilians. It said four British planes were shot down by night fighters and anti-aircraft fire.

German speedboats near the British southeast coast were reported to have sunk four armed merchantmen amounting to 13,000 tons in an attack on a convoy.

The war communiqué said planes on armed reconnaissance damaged four merchantmen aggregating 28,000 tons in St. George's Channel between Wales and Eire. In addition they scored a severe hit on a 5,000-ton freighter 250 miles west of Eire.

RAF Bombs Tripoli as Fleet Goes to Aid of Tobruk Defense

CAIRO, April 17 (UP).—British land, sea and air forces, warring the initiative from German and Italian armored forces in Libya, are striking destructive blows deep behind the stalled spearhead of the Axis desert offensive, official communiques said today.

The besieged forces in Tobruk, 80 miles behind the Italian-German advance into Egypt, were said to have carried out successful counterattacks while the British fleet moved in close and blasted enemy positions in conjunction with RAF bombers.

A special communiqué tonight announced a fierce RAF bombing attack last night and early today on Italy's Libyan port of Tripoli, supply base for the German and Italian "Panzer" forces now inside the Egyptian frontier nearly 1,000 miles eastward.

A naval communiqué announced that the British Mediterranean fleet, having destroyed an entire Axis convoy of five supply ships and three Italian destroyers en route to Tripoli Tuesday night, had bombed Port Capuzzo and an Axis-held airfield.

Fort Capuzzo in the desert, about eight miles from the coast, lies just across the Egyptian frontier in Libya and has changed hands several times in recent fighting.

The Middle East Command said that in crumbling Italian East Africa British forces were making further progress in converging upon Dessie and had taken "a number of additional prisoners."

Italian prisoners thus far sent back from the field to Addis Ababa total more than 5,000 Italian and 4,000 native troops, it was said.

Canadian-U. S. Defense Plans Completed

MONTREAL, April 17 (UP).—The Canadian-United States Joint Defense Board announced today that strategic plans for the military and naval defense of both Canada and the United States have been completed.

Amter Urges Support of Spanish Consulate Rally

Calls for Full Participation in Demonstration Tomorrow for Amnesty for All Loyalists Held by Franco

Israel Amter, New York State Chairman of the Communist Party, today called for the widest support of the "Amnesty in Spain" demonstration at the Spanish consulate, 54th Street between Madison and Park Aves., at noon tomorrow. The demonstration will demand an immediate halt to Franco terror and executions, granting complete amnesty for all Spanish Republicans, and release of 350 members of the International Brigades, including 30 citizens of the United States. The statement urged the fullest participation in the rally by New Yorkers as an important contribution to the fight for peace.

"In the two years since the end of the Spanish War, the barbarous regime of General Franco has executed over 800,000 Spanish Republicans. Two million men, women and children continue to suffer inhuman torture and unbelievable privation in jails, concentration camps and forced labor battalions. Spain today is a huge prison and Franco is its chief executioner."

"The foreign policy of the fascist Franco regime has been to dicker with both sides of the imperialist war. Franco hopes eventually to plunge the Spanish people into the war on the side of the highest bidder."

"The heroic Spanish people are still giving fierce resistance to Franco's program of war and terror. In the hills of Asturias the civil war still rages with the population wholeheartedly supporting the guerrilla fighters. The Spanish Army has to grant war zone pay to the troops, mostly Moors, stationed in this sector."

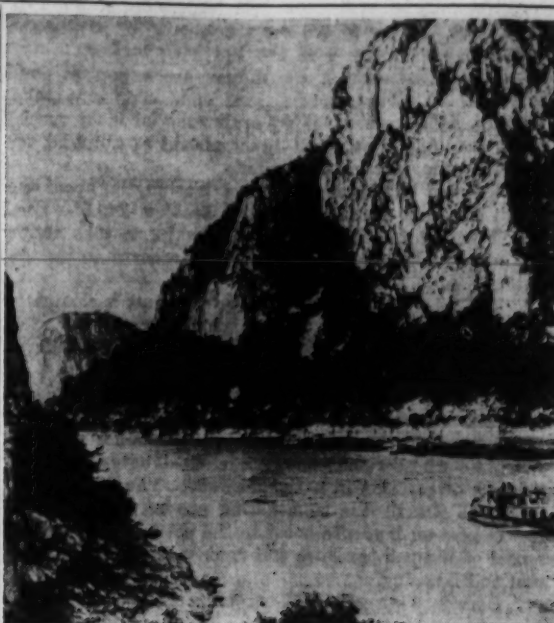
APPEASEMENT OF FRANCO

"Our own State Department, together with the British Government, continues the infamous appeasement policy toward Franco which helped to strangle the Spanish Republic. Prevented by American public opinion from lending Franco \$100,000,000 last winter, the pro-fascist elements in the State Department managed to make the loan through the Argentine Government, which, in turn, passed it along to Franco."

"American Red Cross shipments to Spain have been turned over to the Auxilio Social, the fascist relief agency—food which is labeled 'American people'—which never reaches the starving Spanish population but is distributed solely to members of the Fascist Falange. None of the food is made available to imprisoned Loyalists or their families. The American people demand a halt to this policy of feeding Fascism."

PRISONERS IN FRANCE

Meanwhile, Franco is negotiating with the fascist Vichy Government for the return of Spanish refugees now in French concentration camps. Death or imprisonment face these brave fighters if they are forced back into Franco's hands. Hundreds of Spaniards and members of the International Brigades, starving and weak from the harsh treatment they have undergone in the



Nazi Route Dynamited by Yugoslavs:

The Iron Gate on the Danube which is said to have been blocked in an attempt to close river traffic to Germany from Rumania and Bulgaria, which supply the Reich with oil, manganese ore, cereals, nonferrous metals and other war commodities.

Balkan War Hurts Crops; 'Red Star' Sees Food Crisis

Curtailment of Farm Production Will Affect Axis, Says Red Army Paper; Points to Cut in Sowing; Assails Hungary for Attack

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, April 17.—The disruption of the agricultural production of the Balkan countries due to the war recently unleashed there will lead to severe economic crises in this region, declares "Red Star," organ of the Red Army, in a review of the international situation. The article pointed out the drastic curtailment in sowing in these countries especially in wheat, rye and barley, vital food crops. The result that this will have on the Axis war effort will play an important role in the future course of the war.

The article follows in full. "The war of Germany and Italy against Yugoslavia and Greece has evoked a number of new complications in the Balkans. Hungary, in spite of her pact of 'eternal friendship' concluded with Yugoslavia in December, 1940, brought her troops into Yugoslavia. Bulgaria has broken off diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia. Bulgaria-Greek relations are hanging by a thread. Agitation for joining the front against Yugoslavia is being conducted in Rumania."

"The shift of the war to the Balkans and the participation in it to a greater or lesser degree by all the southeastern countries affects their economic situation and consequently also the role which these countries are playing in supplying strategic raw materials and foodstuffs to the Axis powers."

"Already in February the German economic journal *Suedost* (Southeast) Echo pointed out the curtailment of the area under winter wheat in particular—Yugoslavia 30 per cent as compared with the average; Hungary 17 per cent. Rumania has considerably curtailed its sowing winter rye and barley."

"Now, in connection with the radically changed situation, crises in the economy of the Balkan countries will inevitably become more severe."

RAPS HUNGARY ATTACK

"The Soviet government gave its unequivocal opinion of the action of the Hungarian government when the latter addressed the USSR and outlined its motives for bringing troops into Yugoslavia. The Soviet government disapproved of the action of Hungary and, as Vysinskiy stated in his reply to the Hungarian Minister to Moscow, the Hungarian step produced a bad impression on the Soviet government."

"The foreign press writes that Yugoslavia had given Hungary no

Permanent Conscription Is Step to Fascist America; APM Accuses FDR of Aims for 'War Dictatorship'

President Roosevelt was accused yesterday by the American Peace Mobilization of attempting to institute "one further phase of a militaristic, fascist state in America—permanent compulsory military training" at the same time that plans are being worked out to ship American boys to die on foreign soil.

The announced intention of the Administration to press for permanent universal military training "eliminates successive steps that have no other counterpart than the moves of Adolf Hitler himself," Frederick V. Field, executive secretary of the Peace Mobilization, declared.

"Besides detesting Mr. Hitler," Field asserted, "the American people detest even more the things for which Mr. Hitler and Nazism stand—the destruction of liberties and the right of labor to defend its standards by striking; the discrimination against and the torture of minorities; the 'confiscation of the lands of the youth; the militarization of the youth; the attempt of a

military machine to achieve world conquest."

"And yet," Field continued, "in the last few weeks we have seen here in the United States the exact counterpart of each and every one of these basic constituents of Nazism—and the American people like them not one whit better here than they do 3,000 miles away."

"When Vice-President Wallace called last week for a 'Bill of Duties' for America, he merely paraphrased Adolf Hitler's statement in May, 1933, that 'one must not always be speaking of rights, one must also speak of duties.'"

"When Secretary of Navy Knox advocates 'freezing' labor's right to strike, he would bring to the United States the same peonage of labor that Herr Hitler brought to Germany—and by the same means: gradual curtailment by law backed by the armed force of Home Guards, or 'Storm Troopers.'"

"When, last week, three Negroes, two of them in the uniform of the United States Army, were found

lynched in southern states; when every day, Negroes are denied employment in defense industries and in other private industry and are jam-crowded in the army and navy, we find in America the same deplorable maltreatment of a racial minority that shocked the world when Hitler applied it to the Jews."

"Assails FORCED SERVICE "When, last week, Mr. Roosevelt 'adopted' for 'its own protection,' the Danish island of Greenland, he brought into play the same technique that Hitler used when he took over Austria and Czechoslovakia and Poland. And he used the same excuse as justification."

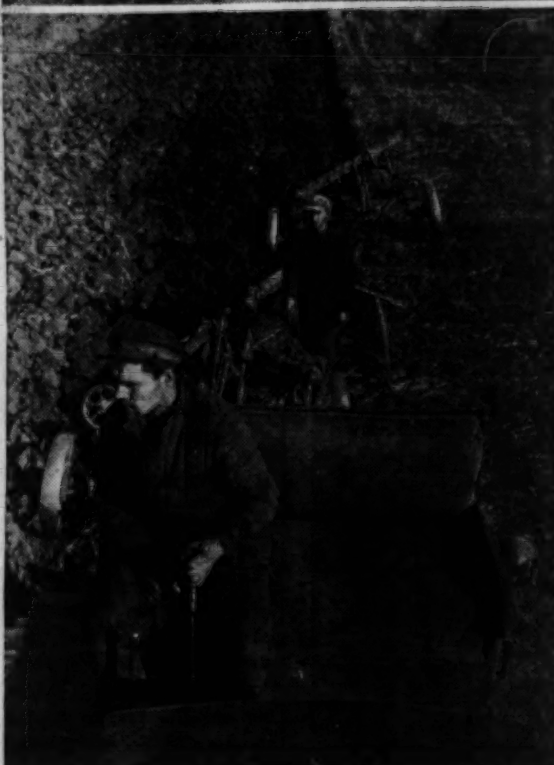
"And now Mr. Roosevelt would bring to this country a further counterpart of the fascism he is so aptly imitating—permanent compulsory military training for the youth of America. After foisting conscription upon the American people under the guise of 'temporary' training, he would now drag us further into 'total militarism' and build up a great conscript army so that United States imperialism can police the world. That, too, was Mr. Hitler's tactic."

"At the same time that he announces this intention, the Army revises its rules so that men can be arbitrarily sent to 'overseas' posts, while at the same time, troop ships are even now being built on the ways and generals are talking of reinforcing Britain's 'far-flung battle line.'"

"These things add to one total—a dictatorship-minded clique attempting to remake America in the image of an American fascism, with the same goal of world plunder abroad and vicious suppression at home as has Hitler himself."

"But the American people have learned many lessons from the mistakes of the people of Germany, and they will not stand by to see their country turned into another deathbed of democracy in order that Knudsen and Stettinius, instead of Thyssen and Krupp, can rule the world."

"The American people draw the line—and they draw it at universal military training at home, and at the sending of convoys to drag us into war abroad."



Men and Machines: Spring moves across the Soviet Union from the sun-baked Crimea to the Arctic steppes and the tractors follow the path of the sun. Top photo shows plowing under lupine for green fertilizer; agronomist in foreground tests depth of furrow. Other picture shows spring plowing in the Crimea.

Agriculture Booms in New Soviet Republics

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, April 17.—Unusually rapid progress in the spring sowing and extensive government help to the farmers of the new Soviet districts are the most outstanding features of socialist agriculture here this spring, as official day-to-day reports show. Part of this is due to favorable weather, even in the northern parts of the Soviet Union, where the spring continues its pleasant advance.

By April 10, taking the land of Soviets as a whole, 21,820,000 acres had already been sown to grain—more than a score of millions of growing bread! This is eight million more acres than had been sown five days ago. Last year at the same date 10,608,000 acres had been sown—not quite half the acreage that this spring boasts.

The help given the farmers of the new republics and territories consists in more than the gift of land which the landlords formerly had withheld from them. It includes technical help and credits and every other assistance needed. Millions of rubles in credit, the loan of tractors, drills, cultivators and other machinery, as well as seed and fertilizers. Besides, the help of specialists is furnished—agronomists and skilled mechanics.

The working peasantry of liberated Bessarabia are meeting their first Soviet spring with great enthusiasm. A sowing of 1,118,000 acres has been achieved by the farmers of the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic.

The Izmail district has completed the sowing of 713,000 acres—half of its entire planned acreage. Sowing is well under way also in the districts of the Chernozem region and of the western Ukraine.

The Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic exemplifies very well the kind of thoughtful, generous help given by the Soviet Government to the new Socialist farmers.

HELP TO LATVIANS

In the Latvian Republic the peasants and former farm laborers who received land grants are also being granted credit of four thousand rubles per household. But these sums are not used for land redemption payments or bank loans. All these debts were cancelled by the Soviet Power; the credits granted are used for the erection of farm buildings and the improvement of farms. In addition to this credit, which totals 7,200,000 rubles, the Latvian peasantry received eight million rubles credit for mineral fertilizers and nine million rubles for buying cows.

For a small sum payable after the harvest the peasants will em-

BUY CATTLE

18,500 cows for peasant households are to be bought. About 8,000 households in Estonia had no cows in the past, not to mention the farm laborers who are now granted land and want to have cows, too. It can be said that almost all peasant households will be able to acquire cows this year.

The three new Baltic Republics already have 650 tractors, 350 tractor-drawn plows, 1100 various items of complex agricultural machinery, not counting a thousand implements and machines delivered to stations where machines and horses are hired out.

Much has been accomplished during the winter, incidentally, in the training of new trades which hitherto were not employed to any great extent in the agriculture of the Baltic countries—tractor drivers, mechanics, etc.

This spring will be the first practical test of the graduates of agricultural courses. They will be assisted by experienced agricultural workers in other Soviet Republics.

Recent months have indeed seen many changes in the life of the countryside of the Soviet Baltic; Soviet power has created all the prerequisites to enable the working peasantry successfully to carry through a sowing campaign.

The Governments of the Soviet Baltic Republics have permitted the farm laborers who received the land to break agreements with employers, for example, to enable them to make timely preparations for sowing and to put their households in order.

\$1 Goes Out to Labor, But 70 Cents Comes Back In Tax Exemptions --- The Steel Corporations' Hoax

An extraordinary hoax is being played upon the American public in the matter of the 10 cents an hour wage increase in the Steel industry.

This hoax was admitted yesterday by the Wall Street Journal.

The Steel companies claim that on the basis of the 10 cents an hour increase won by the CIO union (Steel Workers' Organizing Committee), they will have to pay \$108,000,000 more in wages this year.

This is apparently true (they can afford much more)—

But there is a catch in it.

The catch is—and the Wall Street Journal admitted it—that the Government at Washington will pay back in reduced taxes almost all of the wage increase which the companies will have to pay out.

Present tax laws allow the companies ex-

emptions on excess profits up to a certain level. The increase in wage rates will increase the amount of tax exemptions.

Thus, announces the Wall Street Journal joyfully to its coupon-clipping readers, "although profits will be affected materially by higher wages, the impact will not be so severe as appears at first glance... so long as wages do not cut profits below the excess profits tax credit, the cost of the wage advances, so far as the stockholder is concerned, is only about 38 per cent of the amount by which wages are boosted."

But this is not all. The Roosevelt Administration comes to the rescue:

"Since there can be little doubt that corporate taxes will be lifted soon, it is safe to say that tax savings will offset probably 70 per cent of the wage advance."

WALL STREET EXPECTS THE ADMINISTRATION TO PAY IT BACK 70 CENTS IN TAX SAVINGS FOR

EVERY \$1 PAID OUT IN WAGE INCREASES!

The Wall Street Journal lists the leading steel companies. The first column printed below gives the figure the companies complain they will have to pay in wage increases; the second column shows the greatly reduced amount they will ACTUALLY pay because of the Administration's tax policy.

	Claimed Cost	Real Cost
Amer. Rolling Mill	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 550,000
Bethlehem	18,000,000	6,540,000
Jones and Laughlin	7,000,000	2,600,000
U. S. Steel	62,000,000	23,000,000
Republic	10,000,000	3,000,000
National	4,500,000	1,710,000
Youngstown	5,200,000	1,975,000
Total	\$108,000,000	\$40,165,000

Thus does the Administration carefully look after the welfare of the steel company stockholders.

Ask the Wall Street Journal. It knows.

Margoshes, Day Editor, Canes Lone Woman Picket

Cop Hauls Woman, Assaulted by Head of Struck Paper, to Court; Charged with Disorderly Conduct; Strikers Picket Amalgamated

Samuel Margoshes, editor of the struck Jewish Day, has his own brand of Southern chivalry.

Yesterday he displayed it. Walking out of the newspaper offices at 183 E. Broadway into the bright Spring sunlight, he hesitated at the top of the steps that lead from the offices.

He turned back and downed the lone woman picket, Mrs. Esther Nelson, who was marching back and forth before the shop with her strike placard.

Margoshes was displeased, but mightily, by Mrs. Nelson's picketing and her statements to passers-by: "Don't Buy the Day; the Day is on Strike." He looked up and down the street. No male pickets in sight.

The bold editor swooped down on the lady and began to belabor her with his cane. He tore her sign. Meanwhile, a policeman stood by passively as the actual attack took place. Only when Margoshes demanded his official attention did the bluecoat actually approach the immediate scene of hostilities.

"She called me 'scab,'" bellowed Margoshes. "Arrest that woman." Mrs. Nelson, who is the wife of a Brooklyn Eagle reporter, was promptly hauled in by the officers of the law and taken to Essex Market Court, where she was charged with disorderly conduct. Hearing was postponed until next Wednesday. She was released in the custody of her attorney, Irving Mannes, who, incidentally, is a striker himself.

Her release came only after Magistrate Peter Abeles warned Margoshes that the pickets were going to get a hearing. Margoshes had demanded summarily that "these people should get ten days to cool off."

Earlier, more than 100 strikers and their friends picketed the offices of the Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, 15 E. 15th St., in protest against the latter's advertisement in the struck sheet. ACW leaders are supporting the employers in the controversy. Later the pickets marched before the Amalgamated Building, 15 Union Square.

A mass demonstration protesting the Amalgamated's action will be held at 2 P. M. tomorrow in Rutgers Square, near the struck newspaper. Speakers will include prominent Jewish Day writers now on strike and various other Guildsmen. Among the speakers are Day strikers B. Z. Goldberg, Sara B. Smith, S. Erdberg, A. Seidlin, R.

Lewis Shakes Hands With 'Day' Pickets—Wishes Them Luck

Newspaper Guild strikers of the Jewish Day were gleefully telling this one at strike headquarters yesterday.

It seems that two of them were picketing before the offices of General Foods, 250 Park Ave. Wednesday afternoon when who should saunter past, black hat, shaggy eyebrows and all, but John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

Lewis walked over to the pickets, pumped their hands and wished them good luck. "Thanks, John L.," the pickets said, "and lots of luck to you in the mine negotiations."

P.S.: The United Mine Workers and Newspaper Guild are both CIO unions. The UMW supports the strike; Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO (its leaders, that is) support the employers.

Iceland, Wm. Dralash and E. Landau, John Ryan, Guild organizer, will also address the meeting.

Rally Sunday to Protest Rising Cost of Living

A mass rally protesting the rising cost of living will be held at Herman Ridder High School, Boston Road and 178th St., on Sunday, at 3 P. M., by the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party.

The meeting will also demand an end of Jim Crow in the armed forces and in defense industries. Speakers from labor, consumer and fraternal groups will include Eugene P. Connolly, American Labor Party leader; D. J. Gavin, of the National Maritime Union; Deane Steers, Consumers Union; Hope Stevens, of the National Negro Congress; Isidor Dicker, International Workers Order; Shamus O'Sheel, Irish writer, and others.

'The Right to a Decent Living' Unionist Tells Spring Products Conditions

Workers Correspondence Dept.

The adversities suffered by his Royal Highness here of late has proven that HE isn't as invincible as he would have us believe. In the past he has impressed his subjects (the workers) that failure to do his bidding is a crime against the king (himself) and that the offenders are subject to the maximum penalty (dismissal).

The injustices he has heaped his subjects (you and I) has finally led them to believe that to resist these intolerances is worth the risk of any penalty he may inflict upon them.

In the past he has showered cruelty after cruelty and indignity upon the workers as a means of obtaining some selfish end. He has laid off men when layoffs were unnecessary. He has refused to correct grievances. He has granted loans to some and refused them to others. All this was done and is being done to discredit anything the union (those elected to represent you) has done or is doing; and as a means of whipping the workers into submission.

Had he employed methods with less severity for a shorter period of time, they may have proven suc-

cessful; but human beings (and we are human) can stand so much hardship and no more. Failing to realize this, he has made mistakes that he may never be able to rectify. Mistakes that have started the decline of the iron rule with which he has controlled the men so long.

A splendid example of this is the way the men openly defied him when he so arrogantly challenged the union to debate on the contract he has insultingly submitted to them. A more recent example of this is the time he laid off a union committeeman and the whole shop stopped work. As a result of this militant action, the committeeman was reinstated with back pay for all the time he had lost.

Out of this grew another case. Another committeeman was laid off because he allegedly told the men to stop work. The union immediately went to work and had the case arbitrated. The boss sensing that the cards were in favor of the union and believing that all Negroes were fools and could be bought, attempted to bribe this committeeman and others. He did not know that these were men of



Boston Fights 5-Alarm Fire: Raging out of control, a general alarm fire sweeps through three square blocks of buildings in South Boston, a section congested with wool and leather warehouses. The entire district was threatened before the flames were brought under control. Five alarms were sounded, the most in many years.

Penna. C. P. Hits Bill Aimed at Jobless Miners

Measure Would Deprive Independents of Their Only Livelihood; Carl Reeve Tells Hearing Their Security Is a Gov't Responsibility

(Special to the Daily Worker)
HARRISBURG, Pa., April 17.—Opposition to the Kilroy-Turner so-called Honest Weight bill was expressed here last night by Carl Reeve, legislative chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania.

In a statement submitted to a public hearing of the State Government Committee at the Educational Forum building here, Reeve charged that the bill was an effort to drive independent miners out of coal operation.

Chief provisions of the bill consist of a series of new regulations concerning weighmaster's permits for independent coal truckers. The measure is backed by the large coal companies.

"Under the provisions of the Kilroy-Turner bill the independent coal trucker and coal miner will be so tied up with red tape that it will make it impossible for them to operate at all," Reeve said in his statement.

"The red tape and restrictions of the Kilroy-Turner bill will have the effect of driving the independent trucker off the road and shut-

ting the independent coal industry down."

Independent mining—frequently referred to by its opponents as bootlegging—can only be ended when the government takes responsibility for the 15,000 coal workers engaged in its operation, Reeve said. He added:

3,000 ATTEND
"If independent mining is to be abolished by legislation, it should be done not as in this bill—which wipes out the miners' livelihood without taking any responsibility for their lives and security. It should be abolished not in the interests of the Morgan bankers who control the anthracite mines and railroads, but in the interests of the miners. "The independent miners' security is the responsibility of society and the government. They are in their present position through no fault of their own. "Therefore, let the legislature take steps for guaranteeing the security of every independent miner. If the coal trusts refuse to take care of their own industry and their own employees, then let the government open up and run non-profit mining projects in the interests of the rank-and-file miners."

More than 3,000 persons, mostly independent miners and truckers in opposition to the bill, attended. Leading proponents of the measure were William S. Livengood, secretary of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, and Morton Witkin, chairman of the Philadelphia County Commissioners.

San Francisco Tractor Plant Struck by AFL

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 (UP).—AFL machinists went on strike today at the Caterpillar Tractor Co. plant in San Leandro, forcing closure of the plant.

A picket line was established at start of the day shift. The strike was based on union demands for the same wage scale sought by AFL machinists in strike against San Francisco foundries.

Alliance Hits City Stall on Clothing Aid

Calls Rally April 25 to Demand End to Buck-Passing and Delay

The New York City Department of Welfare, blamed the Board of Estimate, and now the Board of Estimate thinks it may be the fault of the Department of Welfare, but still the unemployed of the city have not received even their usual meager allotment of clothing for the month of April. That is why the Workers Alliance has called a city-wide demonstration for next Friday, April 25, to be held in front of the office of the Welfare Department, 902 Broadway.

Leaders of the Alliance stated yesterday, "Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs disclaims responsibility of the Board of Estimate for refusal by the Department of Welfare to distribute this month's clothing allotment. He was recently advised by us that relief authorities are using clothing money for other purposes, and are placing responsibility with the Board of Estimate for their action."

ISAACS PLEDGES PROBE
In a letter received by the Alliance on April 18, Mr. Isaacs said: "It is not correct that the Board of Estimate's approval is required for the distribution of each month's allotment for clothing. The appropriation was made, if I recall correctly, for a full six-month period—the actual administration is in the hands of the Welfare Department. I agree with you that funds appropriated for clothing should be used for that purpose, and I will investigate the matter further, in view of your statement."

An Alliance protest, stating that relief authorities have been deliberately withholding almost all clothing funds from the unemployed, in spite of Easter holidays and the approach of school graduations, was sent to all Board of Estimate members, including the Mayor. Said Alliance officials yesterday, "The Mayor diverted relief funds on the pipe-dream assumption that relief case-loads would go down. But case-loads went up. Instead of admitting the error, the administration has proceeded to use clothing money as a substitute for the necessary deficient relief appropriation. The administration has not only disgracefully cheated the unemployed, but has acted illegally into the bargain."

Next Friday's demonstration which will be the culmination of a series of smaller demonstrations at local bureaus will demand increases in rent, utility and household allowances, in addition to immediate disbursement of clothing funds.

Strikers Reject Settlement Terms At Phelps-Dodge

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ELIZABETH, N. J., April 17.—The 1,800 striking employees of the Phelps-Dodge Corp. here Tuesday night unanimously voted down a settlement proposal brought to them from the National Defense Mediation Board.

The proposal calling for resumption of work with negotiations to continue until May 1, was rejected amidst live enthusiasm greeting speeches of active rank and file.

Peter Besch, international representative of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, submitted the proposal as the union had promised to the mediation board.

Speakers pointed out that Wylie Brown, president of the large copper products firm, is not acting in good faith, since negotiations with the union have already stretched for about two months.

The strike, 100 per cent effective, began April 6.

Win Steel Pay Rise
KENILWORTH, N. J., April 16 (FP).—Hourly wage increases of 6 to 17 cents are provided in a contract between the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) and the Carpenter Steel Co., ending a strike of 125 workers.

Bridgeport Steel Workers Out on Strike

SWOC Calls Walkout For Wage Raise, 8-Hour Day, Vacation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 17.—Acting on the same day that U. S. Steel and Bethlehem both granted 10 cents an hour wage increases to their employees, nearly 1,000 steel workers of the Stanley Works here walked out on strike this week under the leadership of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee for the same demands.

Union leaders declared the walkout was forced by the company's refusal, throughout long negotiations, to meet union demands.

Strikers are asking for wage increases of 10 cents an hour for production workers, an eight-hour day with time and one-half for overtime, a five-day week, seniority rights, two weeks vacation with pay for five-year employees, recognition of the union as bargaining agent for its members, and the establishment of grievance machinery.

SWOC to Begin Talks With Crucible Steel

PITTSBURGH, April 17 (UP).—The Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) will open contract negotiations with the Crucible Steel Co. of America in New York next Monday, the union announced today. The company employs 12,000.

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Needle Workers Mobilize Behind May Day Plans

Thousands of needle trade workers will march in this year's great May Day parade despite the wishes of their leadership.

The United May Day Committee announced yesterday that an executive committee of 60 workers, representing thousands of rank and file members

of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Millinery Union, is working actively to mobilize full support in the industry for labor's holiday.

The announcement emphasized that this year, for the first time, large sections of the Italian workers in the industry are represented on the committee and will take their places in the line of march on May 1.

The May Day executive committee of Rank and File Needle Trades Workers, to speed preparations for the parade, has called a mass meeting of workers in the industry immediately after work on Wednesday, April 23, at Hotel Diplomat, 106 W. 43rd St.

Meanwhile the United May Day Workshop, sponsored by the United American Artists, CIO, and composed of leading artists and muralists, is busily turning out floats, banners and decorations for the parade.

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WHAT ABOUT THE REAL CRIME, MR. KNUDSEN

OPM Director Knudsen says that strikes in "defense" industries are a "crime."

He doesn't see any crime committed by the corporations, who with their high-profit and low-pay policies, have left the workers with no recourse but to strike.

Now does Knudsen see anything wrong with the fact that his own corporation, General Motors, and the duPont company which controls it, have been pulling up unheeded profits.

Look at the record.

GENERAL MOTORS	
1939	\$185,290,222
1940	185,500,000
E. I. DUPONT	
1939	95,218,664
1940	86,945,173
Total	\$358,954,059

Here we have two corporations (one controlling the other) making a profit of more than half a billion dollars over a course of two years—and with still higher profits in sight! What could be a bigger "crime" than this siphoning of the nation's wealth into the pockets of a few? For this is the source of misery, unemployment and capitalist wars.

Moreover, if Mr. Knudsen is interested in "crimes" in connection with "defense" industries, let him look up the Nye-Senate Munitions Investigation records of the last war. There he will find how the duPont corporation (which controls his own GM) refused to build a powder plant for the government until it reached an exorbitant price.

Mr. Knudsen cannot see the real "crimes" being committed these days in "defense" industries—because he is on the side that commits them.

TWU to Hold Mass Picket Line Before Transit Bd. Tomorrow

Union Calls on Members to Demonstrate Against 'Dictatorship' of Open-Shop Subway Heads; to Stage Rally Between 12:30 and 2 P. M.

The CIO Transport Workers Union has summoned several thousand of its members employed on city transit lines to a mass picketing demonstration in front of the offices of the Board of Transportation, 250 Hudson Street, for tomorrow between 12:30 and 2 P. M.

A circular call for the picket line charges that grievances of the city's 32,000 transit employees have gone unattended because the three commissioners of the Board—John H. Delaney, Francis X. Sullivan and George Keegan—choose to replace management with dictatorship.

The circular urges that the Commissioners be shown through the picket line "that the employees of the N. Y. Transit System insist on being dealt with in the American Way," namely the handling of their grievances, wage and other demands through collective bargaining.

The circular points to the recent wage gains of the miners and steel workers, members of CIO unions, and calls for increases for transit workers because "they are even harder hit by the rising cost of living."

Besides wage improvements, the TWU circular lists as transit workers' major demands "genuine collective bargaining, a free pension plan, equal pay for equal work and a union contract to protect wages, hours and other conditions of employment."

Michael J. Quill, TWU International President, and other union officers will participate in the picket line, it was announced.

FDR Plans New Raid on Pay Checks

37% Tax Rise Would Slash Average Wages \$26.50 More a Year

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children and many others pay no taxes.

All proposed levies—sales, direct salary and increased corporation taxes, lowered income exemptions, and others—were discussed in general terms.

Whatever the outcome, leaders agreed that next year everyone paying taxes will pay more and many who now pay no taxes will have to start paying.

Morgenthau told reporters he was not at liberty to disclose methods under discussion for raising the new revenue.

Congressional tax experts have discussed at length these revenue proposals:

Increase the normal personal income tax rate from the present four per cent to six or eight per cent; lower personal exemptions, now \$2,000 for married persons and \$800 for single persons; impose direct taxes on salaries and wages above a set figure such as \$40 a week; impose an excise or sales tax on many articles.

Boy Dies in Fall Off Fire Escape

George Frangos, 3, fell to his death from a fire escape at 448 W. 46th St. at 11 A. M. yesterday. The child climbed out to play on the fire escape during the few minutes when his mother, Mary Frangos, and his 5-year-old sister went shopping.

3rd Blast Victim Dies

PHILIPSBURG, N. J., April 17.—The death toll from the Hercules Powder Co. plant explosion at Belvidere on Friday reached three today with the death of George C. Da'ymple, 45, of Oxford who died in Warren County Hospital.

Thousands to Attend Funeral Of Pete Panto

To Bury Body of Slain B'klyn Longshoremen's Leader Tomorrow

More than 2,000 seamen and longshoremen will march tomorrow in the funeral procession for Pete Panto, murdered rank and file longshore leader, whose body was found in a lime-pit near the Passaic River at Lyndhurst, N. J., in January.

Services will be under the direction of the Pete Panto Memorial Committee, a group of Brooklyn longshoremen who have dedicated themselves to carrying on the work left undone by Panto and his associates—the work of freeing the International Longshoremen's Association from racketeering leadership.

A preliminary service will be held at the Scotts Funeral Home, 391 Court St., at 10 A. M. tomorrow. Later the body will be taken by a procession to the Sacred Heart Church, Hicks and Degraw St., where a high mass will be celebrated.

At the funeral home, the principal address will be delivered by Pete Mazzei, Chairman of the Pete Panto Memorial Committee, and successor to Panto as leader of the ILA rank and file movement.

Tampa Marks The Struggle For Free Spain

Republican Leader Is Main Speaker at Commemoration

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TAMPA, Fla., April 17.—The tenth anniversary of the founding of the Spanish Republic was commemorated here with a mass rally at which Ernestina Gonzalez, head of the Madrid Library of Fine Arts during the Spanish Republican regime, was the main speaker. Mrs. Gonzalez, herself a symbol of the heroism of the Spanish women during the invasion of Spain, came here under the auspices of the Spanish-speaking section of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, of New York.

Hundreds of cigar workers and others packed the Labor Temple, the trade union hall here, to hear Mrs. Gonzalez describe how the Spanish people are struggling to defeat the brutal regime of Franco and establish a free and independent Spain.

Other speakers were Vincent Fraga for the Joint Advisory Board of the Cigar Makers' International Union, and M. Rodriguez, Jr., of the Tampa Chapter of the United-American Spanish Aid Committee. Resolutions were adopted calling on President Roosevelt to allocate "a fair proportion" of the \$50,000,000 appropriated for relief of European refugees to aid the Spanish Republicans in French concentration camps and in Franco prisons.

Another resolution called on the President and the Secretary of State to intervene to stop the inhuman treatment of prisoners in Franco jails and in the concentration camps of France, and for governmental assistance in the transportation of refugees to Latin-American countries.

A telegram was sent to the Franco ambassador in Washington demanding an end to the shooting of Republican fighters and the persecution of trade unionists, Socialists and Communists by the Franco dictatorship.

Forest Fire Peril Cut

ALBANY, April 17.—A light overnight rain temporarily alleviated New York's forest fire hazard, but state officials warned today that still more rain is needed to keep the situation under control.

Heavy Snow in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, April 17.—A five-state snowstorm centering in northern Utah closed mountain roads and delayed air travel yesterday. Blossoming fruit trees here bowed under a four-inch fall.

Civil Rights Parley Opens Tomorrow

200 Delegates from 30 States to Attend Capital Talks

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—More than 200 delegates from 30 states are arriving in Washington today to attend a national action conference called by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. The conference will be held at the Hotel Hamilton, starting Saturday, and continuing through Sunday around the theme "no blackout of civil rights."

Principal event of the conference will be a mass meeting at the National Press Club Auditorium Sunday evening where the speakers will be Edwin S. Smith, member of the National Labor Relations Board, Clifford T. McAvoy, Deputy Commissioner of Welfare, New York City, and Harold Christoffel, president of the Allis-Chalmers Local 248 of the United Automobile Workers, CIO. Mr. Christoffel will speak on the recent Allis-Chalmers strike at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Preceding the mass meeting, panel groups will hold discussions on various phases of civil rights problems in the United States today. Among the panels scheduled are the following:

Rights of franchise, in which Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Eugene Connolly will participate.

Labor's rights, with representatives from the Farm Equipment Workers participating.

Other panel groups will be on discrimination against racial, national and religious minorities and freedom of speech, press and assembly.

Furious Nazi Drive Perils Greek Lines

Desperate Allied Stand Reported Firm Along 100-Mile Front

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The Allies' railroad lines of supply and encircle the British Empire forces fighting desperately to hold the Mount Olympus hinge of the Allied line.

The newspaper Proia asserted that "since yesterday the military situation has entered a serious stage, with the Germans throwing the entire weight of their mechanized troops against the British and Greek defenses."

NAZI REPORT CLOSING TRAP IN GREECE

BERLIN, April 17 (UP).—German forces smashing "deep into the enemy line" in Greece are swiftly closing a trap on British forces at Mount Olympus after seizing the highway town of Servia near the outer British defenses, official Nazi statements said tonight.

Predicting that Greece will quickly collapse as Yugoslavia has under the German blitzkrieg, the German press tonight warned the United States to heed the fate of the two Balkan nations.

Many British and Greek prisoners have fallen to Germany's steel-clad "Panzer" forces smashing into the Allied line and "forcing the British and Greek armies into battle," the German High Command and Official News Agency asserted. "Vigorous fighting which has progressed successfully for the Germans had made it impossible for the British to reach their pre-selected points of embarkation and flee Greece," said the DNB agency.

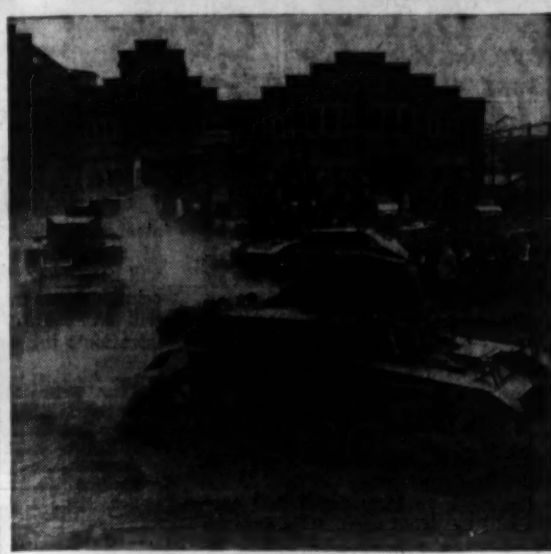
REPORT SERVIA TAKEN

The Nazi High Command, it was said, has "every reason to be satisfied" with the 12-day results of the Balkan blitzkrieg, and even now the full power of the German war machine has not been thrown against the British and Greeks, because of the speed of the Nazi advance down upon Mount Olympus from Salonika and down through central Greece to the plains of Thessaly.

The highlight of the High Command's claims today was the taking of the highway town of Servia, just south of the Vistritia River and barely 12 miles west of Mount Olympus.

A "large number" of prisoners were seized in the region, the High Command said.

The High Command added that its forces are attacking the British-Greek line all along the battlefield while the Italians on the German right flank, cutting down through Albania, have seized Erseke, not far from the Greek frontier in southern Albania.



New Tanks Get Road Test: In the presence of a delegation of military and defense officials (background), a line of new tanks leaves the plant of the American Car and Foundry Company in Berwick, Pa., for their first road test.

House Committee Okays Vinson No-Strike Bill

Approval Is Voted Following Endorsement of Measure by Sec'y Knox; Observers See Full Backing of Bill by FDR

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or advocated "overthrow" of the government.

As originally drafted, this provision on "subversive" activities placed no burden of proof whatsoever on the employer. His "belief" was considered sufficient evidence to merit the discharge of the worker.

The bill was changed somewhat in committee to provide that the Mediation Board could reinstate an employee if it held that he had never been a Communist.

While members of the Nazi Bund are also included under the section, committee members made it amply plain during the hearings that this far-reaching section was intended primarily for use against Communists and progressive trade unionists.

At one point, Reps. Vinson and Lyndon Johnson of Texas, an administration supporter, agreed that "what we are after is keeping Communists out of defense plants."

REQUIRES AFFIDAVIT

Johnson sponsored an amendment, approved by the committee, which makes this section of the bill even more drastic than it was before.

This amendment provides that every worker shall be required to fill out an affidavit stating he was never a Communist and never advocated "overthrow" of the government before he can be given a job in a plant that has a government arms contract.

If the Department of Justice should rule that this oath was in any case given falsely, a worker can be punished by a jail sentence of one year, a \$5,000 fine, or both. The same harsh penalties also apply to all other violations of the measure by workers, including "slowing down or stopping" of work during the "cooling-off" period.

The only serious dissension during the day's consideration of the bill took place around the provision which would freeze the open shop in all "defense" industries.

DEFEAT AMENDMENTS

Reps. Warren Magnuson, Washington Democrat, and Melvin Mass, Minnesota Republican, pointed out that this provision would prevent a new closed shop contract even in 90 per cent of the workers and the employer himself wanted it.

Magnuson introduced an amendment to cut out this section of the bill which was defeated by a vote of 11 to 8.

Mass introduced an amendment to ease this provision somewhat, which was also defeated by a vote of 10 to 9.

Reps. Magnuson, Michael Bradley of Pennsylvania, and Thomas A. Flaherty of Mass., said that they would introduce a minority report in opposition to the open shop section of the bill.

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"United Mine Workers of America are willing to resume joint wage conference with your group at 10 A. M. tomorrow, April 18, on nineteenth floor Baltimore Hotel, for purpose of negotiating a wage

Mine Union Backs Lewis to Keep All Mines Shut

150 Representatives of All UMWA Districts Vote Not to Resume Production Anywhere Until Southern Operators Sign Agreement

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the miners, "evictions, civil liberties, parades of mine guards and gunmen."

"In Harlan, Bell and Knox counties of Kentucky," the mine union leader revealed, "there are 14,035 families of miners that are deprived of either food or credit and are absolutely destitute outside the aid given them by our organization."

"This is the result of the coal companies freezing their pay for the last half of March. The coal companies are refusing to issue scrip or credit upon that money, and are holding it against house rent payment and installment on household equipment."

Lewis explained that part of the company-town system that prevails in those Kentucky counties is the practice of companies to collect payments for merchandising firms for a commission by use of their payroll power. Also, he added, "they want to be sure that house rent will be paid for the next four or five months."

"We could take this to court and win it," Lewis continued, "but in the meantime six months would pass."

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scale for mining areas represented by yourself and associates. Will you please advise?"

To this the southerners replied that they are "ready to begin negotiations with you in a conference composed solely of representatives of your own organization as bargaining agents of our employees and of operators of our conference." The reference was to the conference the southerners formed.

They proposed that the mines reopen on the 11 per cent wage increase they offered, with negotiations to continue later. They further proposed that negotiations with them be shifted to Washington.

As a rejoinder to reply of the operators, Lewis wired last night: "Your wire received. We make no stipulations as affecting any matter which you desire to submit to the Joint Conference. We suggest that you likewise agree to negotiate without stipulations or without prior commitments. Immediate action necessary in view of all considerations. We suggest that you come over tonight and meet with us at ten tomorrow morning for the purpose of making an agreement and effectuating an early resumption of coal production. Will you please advise whether your negotiating committee will be present tomorrow?"

The mine union leader expected to hear late last night if his proposal was accepted.

A major factor in the situation is that the terms the northern operators agreed to sign are contingent upon the southern operators accepting them. This provides for an end to the differential in addition to the reported dollar a day raise.

Earlier in the day the northern operators and union representatives completed proof-reading the concluded contract. Steelman announced. A meeting was set for 11 A. M. today to hear the reply of the southern operators.

Lord Stamp, Wife Killed in Nazi Raid

LONDON, April 17 (UP).—Lord Stamp, economist, and Lady Stamp were killed in last night's air raid. Lord Stamp, born Josiah Charles Stamp, was 61. Lady Stamp was Olive Kent, president of the National Free Church Women's Council.

A Director of the Bank of England, Lord Stamp since 1930 also had served as adviser on economic coordination to the Ministerial Committee.

Lord Stamp was one of the most powerful figures in the "City" of London and a supporter of efforts by the late Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain to conciliate the Nazis. He was one of the original members of the Anglo-German Fellowship and was one of the big British businessmen who were Hitler's guests at Nuremberg in September, 1938.

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Famine

By
Liam O'Flaherty



Today Ireland is menaced with the danger of famine—due to the blockade imposed by the Churchill government. Almost 100 years ago the Emerald Isle was cursed with both famine and plague—due to the oppressions of British rule.

Liam O'Flaherty has vividly presented the sufferings of "The Great Hunger" in his novel, "Famine." In the chapter reproduced here the curate has persuaded the vacillating parish priest, Father Roche, to join with the people in taking the food which the profiteers were withholding from the people. The chapter thereafter explains itself.

CHAPTER XLIII

When government is an expression of the people's will, a menace to any section of the community rouses the authorities to protective action. Under a tyranny, the only active forces of government are those of coercion. Unless the interests of the ruling class are threatened, authority remains indifferent. We have seen how the feudal government acted with brutal force when the interests of the landowner were threatened, even to the extent of plundering the poor people's property. Now it remains to be seen what that same government did when those poor lost, by the act of God, all that was left to them by the police and Mr. Chadwick—the potato crop which they had sown.

As the two priests marched at the head of their people towards the courthouse, a force of police emerged from the barracks with bayonets fixed to their carbines. The district inspector, assisted by the head constable and all the sergeants in the garrison, commanded this force. The district inspector had a drawn sword in his hand. He drew up his men in line across the street, from Hynes's shop to the courthouse. Another detachment had been drawn across the road to Glenaree, blocking approach to the village from that direction. All the people within the space guarded by the bayonets of the police had been driven back in either direction.

"Halt, said the district inspector, when he came within a few yards of the priest. 'I forbid this people to advance.' The crowd behind the priests came to a halt. So did Father Roche. Father Geelan continued to advance, until he was close to the district inspector. Then he shook his fist in the inspector's face and cried:

"I've had enough of your threats, you hired murderer. Neither you nor anybody else will stop these poor people from demanding justice."

Then he turned towards the people, waved his arm and roared:

"Come on, men. Rush them. God save Ireland."

The inspector, astonished by this outburst, stepped aside when the curate rushed at him. The priest, beside himself with anger, ran forward wildly, still shouting. The police did not block his passage. Very cleverly, however, they closed ranks when he had passed through them, so that he now found himself cut off from the people, who had made no attempt to follow him. Father Roche had prevented them. Immediately after the curate had spoken, the parish priest faced the people, threw out his arms, and called on them to halt. He was jumping off the ground and waving his arms, like an angry woman shoe-

towards his lodgings. Father Roche ran back to the inspector.

"They're gone now," he stammered. "Does that satisfy you? But where are they going to get fed? Then can't die of hunger. I won't let them die of hunger."

The inspector shrugged his shoulders and said:

"That should be the business of the Relief Committee. My business is to keep the peace."

"Nice way to do it," said Father Roche, "with bayonets."

"It wasn't these bayonets that were responsible for the cowardly murder of Mr. Chadwick," said the inspector.

"What do I care about Mr. Chadwick," cried Father Roche. "Why don't ye catch and punish whoever did it? That's no excuse to browbeat and threaten innocent people. I'll report you for this."

"You're at liberty to do so," said the inspector. "Forward."

He marched forward with his policemen, clearing the village. Father Roche now found himself alone in the middle of the street. A blind anger made him clench his fists and mutter aloud:

"Hired murderers they are. It's true for Tom Geelan. Maybe he's right after all. God forgive me."

And then he began to walk slowly towards the hotel, his hands behind his back, stooping, hot with angry shame, without purpose, beaten. His anger was not the triumphant ferocity of rebellion, which rushes to arms and battle against the enemy. It was rather the impotent rage of defeat and it brought with it one of those moments of intense lucidity, which come even to stupid and irrational people, when they find themselves at the end of their foolish resources in a crisis.

Now he realised, as he walked, that it was the policy of "peace at any price," preached by him and by all the other priests and politicians in command of the great Relief Association, that had produced this catastrophe, a disillusioned, disheartened, disorganised people at the mercy of the tyrannical government. A few short months ago, less than a year ago, if the bugles of war had been sounded, a million men would have been ready, armed with the frenzy of revolutionary faith, to crush the feudal robbers that oppressed them. But the demagogue O'Connell had professed himself a pacifist and a loyal subject of Her Majesty. The bishops also preached peace and obedience to the laws that gave them fat bellies and rich investments and palaces. All those in command said that life must be spared and that no cause was worth the shedding of a single man's blood. Now that blood was going to rot in starveling bodies; bodies that would pay for the sin of craven pacifism the punishment that has always been enforced by history.

Rotting blood! Corruption! The air smelt of it already. Down from the mountain glens it had descended on the village overnight. The gardens had turned black before the cottage doors. All was still and hot and foul in the desolate village. Not a sound but the tramping of the policemen's feet and the distant cries of those that fled. All doors had been shut. Faces peered at windows. Silence! Could it have been here, on this sloping green lawn before the chapel, that Mr. McCarthy Lalor, "the savior of the people," had spoken at last autumn's fair, proclaiming the might and resolution of the people's representatives?

Father Roche walked over to the hotel and entered. John Hynes and a small group of people were in the hall, talking excitedly. They became silent when Father Roche appeared.

"What happened," said Father Roche angrily to Hynes. "Why did you complain to the police?"

"Sure they were threatening me in my own shop," said Hynes. "I had to get help or they might tear me to pieces. I my own shop. Heh!"

Now his tone was arrogant. This famine had made a man of him. He was not even afraid of the parish priest, whom he had formerly regarded with the subservient awe of a slave.

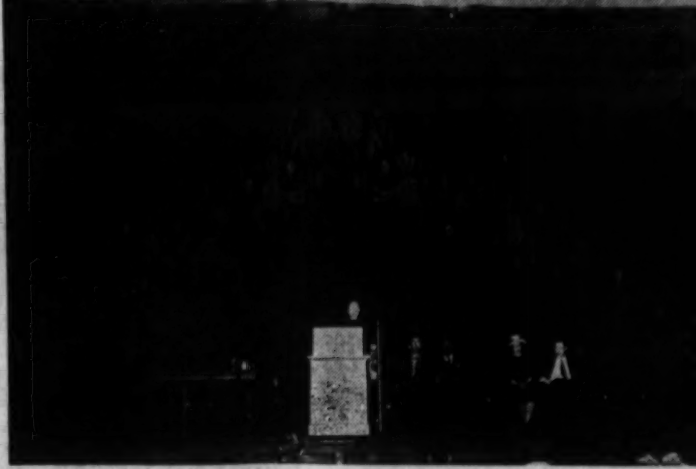
"You might have come to me," said Father Roche. "There was no need to go to the police. Look what they have done now. Bayonets. It will be hard to get the government to act if they think we are a gang of rowdies."

"Huh! said Hynes. 'It's too much action we have and not enough of the right kind.'"

He looked around him for approval at the group of people who stood there. They were all in the nervous state of people hiding from a mob. They were government officials attached to the works, lodging at the hotel, all except Simma, the sanitary officer, and Mrs. Hynes. They nodded approval of Hynes's speech. Father Roche was impressed by their attitude. Being a timid man, in spite of his violent temper, he was always influenced in his ideas by his environment.

[The concluding portion of this chapter will be published in tomorrow's Daily Worker.]

FREE ERNST THAELMANN FREE EARL BROWDER



Honor Thaelmann Birthday: More than 3,000 people jammed the Mecca Temple Wednesday night to demonstrate for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann, imprisoned General Secretary of the Communist Party of Germany. Photo above at left shows a view of the platform. Photo at right shows (left to right) Al Lannon, head of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party; Israel Amter, State Chairman; Timothy Holmes, noted Negro leader; and William Z. Foster, National Chairman.

Protests Win Reversal of Wisconsin Ban

State Assembly Refers Bill to Hearing As Pressure Grows

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, April 17.—Prompted by growing mass protests, the State Assembly this week reversed itself on a bill to bar the Communist Party from the ballot and, by a vote of 84 to 22 without debate, referred the measure to the judicial committee for public hearing.

Earlier the Assembly had voted 63 to 23 not to send the bill to committee. The Senate has already passed the measure.

Letters, postcards, telephone calls and wires have inundated state legislators as progressives, aroused at the threat to demonstrate rights, have swung into action to defeat the bill.

URGENT DEFEAT OF BAN

The American Civil Liberties Union, the Federation for Constitutional Rights and numerous trade unions have already gone on record for its defeat.

Professor William Gorham Rice of the University of Wisconsin and other prominent persons have demanded the right to a public hearing on the bill before an Assembly vote.

This week Fred Bassett Blair, state chairman of the Communist Party, wrote to each assemblyman protesting the bill and emphatically denying "the implications on which this bill is based, implying an advocacy of force and violence to the Communist Party." A copy of the constitution of the Communist Party was enclosed with each letter.

Meanwhile, Assemblyman Berquist, Progressive, has introduced a substitute which is intended as a rebuke to the Republican sponsor of the original measure. The substitute would ban from the ballot any political party "affiliated with the Republican Party or any other political party which carries on, advocates, coaches, justifies, aids or abets the maintenance of the status quo or continuation of vested interests by abridgement of personal liberties." The public hearing will extend to this measure as well.

CIO Wins Pay Boost in Pitts.

Union Switch Co.

PITTSBURGH, April 17 (UP).—Union Switch and Signal Co., a subsidiary of Westinghouse Airbrake Co., agreed today to a 10 cent an hour wage increase for its 1,500 employees. The increase is retroactive to April 1.

The wage boost will be incorporated in a collective bargaining contract being drawn up between the company the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, according to Albert Smith, union business agent.

The union recently won a collective bargaining election among Union Switch and Signal workers.

Gurley Flynn at Women's Rally Tonight

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, famous woman leader and member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, will be a guest speaker tonight at a special women's meeting under the auspices of the Patrick Henry Lodge, No. 572, of the International Workers Order, 2630 Broadway.

"Women in a World at War" will be the subject of Miss Flynn's talk, it was announced. She will discuss the threefold stake of the women of the Upper West Side in America's foreign policy: as mothers and wives, as workers and citizens, and as consumers.

After the talk, there will be entertainment by Earl Jones, and free refreshments. Admission is free.

Hail Browder, Thaelmann As Champions of Socialism

By Art Shields

"FREE ERNST THAELMANN!" "FREE EARL BROWDER!"

From the wall behind the Mecca Temple rostrum Wednesday night these slogans looked down on 3,000 American citizens who were demonstrating for the freedom of the people's chief champions in Nazi Germany and the United States of America.

The fight for Socialism took another step forward at the Mecca Temple meeting as the 3,000 workers enthusiastically applauded every mention of the name of Thaelmann, the imprisoned general secretary of the Communist Party of Germany and Browder, the imprisoned general secretary of the Communist Party of this country.

FOSTER SPEAKS

War will not save the rotten capitalist system, said William Z. Foster, chairman of the Party, and close friend of both Thaelmann and Browder.

Neither will imprisonment of Communist leaders, he added.

"Hitler thought he could destroy the movement for Socialism and peace by putting Thaelmann in jail," Foster said.

Roosevelt thought he could accomplish the same purpose by putting Browder in jail, Foster continued.

"Both will learn the same lesson," the Party chairman went on. "The forces making for Socialism are greater than any individual." In fact, Foster pointed out—

"Jailing Thaelmann and Browder actually serves to awaken the masses."

"They may jail the leaders of the Communist Parties, but they cannot stop the march of Socialism."

Foster, who was introduced by Al Lannon, leader of the waterfront section of the Communist Party, told how the Social reformists of Germany smashed the German revolution and let fascism follow.

GERMAN REVOLUTION

The Bolshevik revolution of 1917 had a tremendous effect on the German workers and they seized power for themselves in November, 1918. Sailors at Kiel began the revolt, said Foster.

"They rebelled against their office on Nov. 7, 1918, and formed a Soviet. Soviets followed in Hamburg, Leipzig, Dresden, Laubeck, Hanover, Berlin and all the great cities of Germany."

The Kaiser fled. The workers, soldiers and sailors councils, backed by the masses of the toilers, prepared to function as the government of Germany. Their national

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'Free Thaelmann' Letter Sent Boston Nazi Consul

Massachusetts Communist Leaders Sign Protest; Picket Line at Demonstration Held at German Consulate

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 17.—A formal letter, signed by the state leaders of the Communist Party, to the German consul here yesterday on the occasion of the 55th birthday anniversary of Ernst Thaelmann, declared that "we demand the freedom of Thaelmann; his unconditional liberty is the wish of all freedom-loving people in Germany, in the United States and throughout the world."

The letter was dispatched in connection with a picket line and demonstration before the German consulate.

The letter demanded to know "why is the Nazi government holding Thaelmann, outstanding leader of the German workers, secretary of the Communist Party of Germany, a presidential candidate who received 5,000,000 votes in the elections of 1932?"

"The actions of the Nazi government," the letter continued, "against this great leader of the German people, the fear to bring him to trial, the withholding of information, is the best proof that the present government of Germany fears the people."

The consul was called upon to transmit the contents of the letter to his government and to report to the people the response to it.

council met in December, 1918, to take power.

"Social Democratic leaders of the workers went along," said Foster, "to knife the movement."

"These Social Democratic leaders had no faith in the revolution. They preferred to maintain the capitalist system."

"On the eve of the meeting of the national council they made the infamous Stinnes-Legien agreement. (Legien was the German Bill Green; Stinnes, a chief German capitalist.)

"They peddled the German revolution for a mess of pottage," continued Foster. "They traded Socialism for the right to organize trade unions (under capitalism) and the 8-hour day."

Next day the Social Democratic leaders put their program through the national Soviet with the help of their own bureaucrats, who had gotten a majority of the seats.

These bureaucrats had the proposal of Karl Liebknecht and other Communists for "All Power to the Soviets" voted down.

MURDER LIEBKNECHT

A little later the Social Democratic government leaders—Ebert and Scheidemann—called in the Kaiser's officers and had Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg murdered.

"They shot the revolution to pieces" when workers rose by the tens of thousands for Socialism later.

"This tremendous betrayal changed the whole course of modern history," said Foster.

"Out of that defeat came the present war."

"Industrialized Germany, joined with Russia, then primarily agricultural, would have become an invincible stronghold of Socialism. Capitalism could never have survived that blow."

All Europe, said Foster, would have become a home of Socialism, had the German Social Democrats not betrayed the revolution.

If anyone is surprised at this story, let him think what Sam Gompers, Dubinsky, Green, Matthew Woll or Hillman would do in like case, said Foster.

Does anyone doubt that these American Legions would betray the workers to capitalism if they could, if the workers were taking power in America as they were taking power in Germany, he asked?

But Foster pointed out that the workers had learned by history and a Communist Party was active in America.

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"With their liberation we shall win freedom from war and capitalism."

The Spanish women's wire lauding the fight for Thaelmann and Browder, said:

"Urging meeting tonight join our fight to free Spanish brothers and internationalists from Franco jails by supporting protest demonstration Franco Consulate Saturday, April 19, noon."

The occasion will also serve to launch the Browder Fifteenth Anniversary Campaign in Manhattan's industrial sections. The three features of this campaign are the mastery and popularization of Earl Browder's writings, recruiting, and increasing the sale of the Daily Worker.

In a message addressed to members of the Communist Party on the occasion of his birthday, Amter appealed for such a three-fold drive.

platform. Photo at right shows (left to right) Al Lannon, head of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party; Israel Amter, State Chairman; Timothy Holmes, noted Negro leader; and William Z. Foster, National Chairman.

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Marcantonio Speaks Tonight At Peace Rally

Bronx Meeting Also to Hear Connolly, ALP Leader

Tonight at 8, Congressman Vito Marcantonio will address the people of the 8th Assembly District in the Bronx at the Evander Childs High School auditorium, Bronxwood Ave. and Gunhill Road.

He will speak on "What Is America's Job Now?" Together with him will be Eugene Connolly, chairman of the Manhattan County American Labor Party; Coricetta Mingola, prominent Williamsbridge ALP figure; Anthony DeRose of the ALP in East Harlem, and Irving Gurfield, head of the 8th Assembly District of the ALP.

The meeting is sponsored by a number of progressive organizations including the American Labor Party, American Peace Mobilization, Dante Alighieri Lodge, International Workers Order, American Youth Congress and Workers Alliance and others.

The meeting was the high point in a campaign that is being waged by the Committee in preparation for elections in the UPA, to take place on May 5.

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These Are Human Beings ... Dying

This is the month of April, when England is world-famous for being in its finest flower. But its chief city has just been blasted with 100,000 bombs—perhaps the most terrifying air assault of the war. The number of human beings torn to bits is so large that the exact count is not yet known. Outside of a few sensational headlines, the newspapers treat this horrible event in the usual conventional manner.

But let the people stop and consider what this means. Not only are there countless dead strewn amidst the leveled wreckage, but think of the effect in terms of shell-shock, fright, fear, hunger, the shattering of human bodies. What does it mean for little children, made orphans in almost the batting of an eye? What does it mean to parents, stricken with grief, as they wander among the ruins for the bodies of their children? This is the horror taking place not only in London, but in Berlin, in the Balkans and upon the sands of Africa.

While the people are undergoing the torture of the damned, the imperialists—the Krupps of Germany, the Bank of England and the House of Morgan are enjoying unlimited profits. From the point of view of the people, this war is one of sheer insanity—the imperialists have gone mad for empire, markets and colonial loot. It is as if the whole system of capitalism had turned into a huge vampire, sucking the blood of humanity.

Poll Tax Audacity

One is struck by the very audacity of the legal departments of eight Southern states which have filed briefs with the Supreme Court, upholding racial segregation in violation of the federal Constitution.

These officials—seven from poll tax states—have asked the Supreme Court to rule against Representative Mitchell of Illinois, who was ejected from a pullman in Arkansas because he is a Negro. The Roosevelt Administration inspired the action of these officials, since the Interstate Commerce Commission and its attorney—both on the federal payroll—are defending the Arkansas officials and the jim-crow railroad companies.

It is from the politically-rotten regimes in the South that the Roosevelt Administration receives some of the main support of its war program "for democracy." Yet these same regimes are uppermost in denying elementary democracy to the Negro people and to the impoverished white sharecroppers and workers of the South, none of whom can even vote.

Secondly, these poll tax officials are the political tools of the landlords and Southern mine operators who have set out to break the United Mine Workers, continue the starvation wage differential and defeat the just demands of the miners raised under John L. Lewis' able leadership. Moreover, it was Hatton Sumners, the poll tax Congressman from Texas, who raised the Hitler cry of "electrocuting" strikers.

In the fight for the full citizenship of the Negro people in the South, it is clear that the welfare of the entire labor movement is fundamentally involved.

What's Behind the 'Freezing' of Steel Prices

Mr. Leon Henderson's announcement of the "freezing" of the price of steel at the present level has a lot of angles to it.

It reveals, first, that the colleagues of Mr. Stettinius in the Steel Trust have been enjoying a riot of war profiteering behind the convenient hullabaloo of the "defense program." Preaching sacrifice to Labor and the nation, the Steel magnates (through their direct representatives appointed by President Roosevelt on the defense commissions), have been gouging the nation with the wildest abandon.

Does the Administration intend to put a halt to this feast of war profits?

Obviously not. The Administration views the armaments boom as the "solution" for the economic cancers of unemployment, lack of markets, and the like, which gnaw at the nation's economic life. What then is behind the "freezing" of steel prices?

First, present prices are already so exorbitantly high, that the Steel companies can easily make huge profits at present levels. Furthermore, Mr. Henderson does not close the door to steel price increases later.

Second, the Steel Trust has been depriving

some of its rival monopolies of their "rightful" share of the "defense" profits. They have been squawking. Mr. Henderson wants to see that everybody gets his share—among the monopolists alone, naturally.

Third, Administration officials frankly admit that they are working out a strategy for the "freezing" of wages; the steel action is viewed as giving them an opportunity to strike a heavy blow at wages behind the appearance of a "curbing" of profits which is really nothing but a redistributing of profits without diminishing their total.

Mr. Henderson's price announcement need not lead a single intelligent American to expect that the Government is quashing the boom in war profits. On the contrary, Mr. Henderson is merely seeing to it that the boom in profits is better organized so that all the monopolist corporations, and not only the Steel Trust, shall have their fingers in the pie.

The Ominous Answer Of Senator Barkley

A fog of mystery and intimidation hangs over the convoy issue. Little is said in public. But a good deal seems to be going on behind the scenes.

For example, the resolution banning convoys which was supposed to be debated in the Senate has been neatly sidetracked. Senator George, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, solemnly announces that it will wait till April 30.

Why? Because the Committee "forgot" to send a copy of the resolution to the State Department. Why did they "forget"? No one seems to know.

Secretary Stimson prophesies ominously that American armed forces may have to fight not only in South America but "possibly in other regions." And not a single Senator dares to ask him what he means; the so-called "opposition" remains obligingly silent also.

President Roosevelt opens the Red Sea near Egypt to American shipping; but when a reporter asks him if this means convoys, President Roosevelt rebukes him with a "sharp answer" reports Mr. Mark Sullivan.

An atmosphere of intimidation is subtly enveloping the entire issue. And yet sending convoys spells bloodshed as surely as night follows day. No one denies this. But what does the administration think about this danger?

Well, Senator Barkley, the administration leader in the Senate, was warned that convoys means that "the storm comes."

"All right," retorted Barkley, "let it come."

But the vast majority of the people fervently declare NO! Let it not come! It must not come!

Popular vigilance on the convoy issue must be redoubled. Protests should go to Washington. The majority which desires to get America out of the war and keep it out has the duty of halting this fatal step of convoys.

The Fraud Hidden in Secretary Hull's Words

In his formal statement on the Soviet-Japanese neutrality pact, Secretary Hull falsely implied that the pact serves as a basis for the Administration's continuing hostility to the Soviet Union. This implication is expressed more openly and crudely in a Herald Tribune story last Tuesday, which was accredited to certain "highly-placed officials" in Washington.

"It is now believed that there is no longer any advantage to be derived from a policy of befriending Russia," these "officials" were reported to have said.

Why do the Administration-inspired "officials" react this way? Obviously, because the State Department doesn't like the Soviet Union to conclude pacts for peace and neutrality, when President Roosevelt's policy is one of spreading the war. American imperialism has consistently held the hope that it could use Japanese imperialism against the Soviet Union. Now that this hope has been exploded by the Soviet peace policy, the Administration is trying to create the impression that the interests of American imperialism are the same as those of the American people.

This, of course, is a dangerous fraud upon peace desires of the overwhelming majority of the people. The policy of the Roosevelt Administration has not been one of befriending the Soviet Union. On the contrary, it has been one of pin-pricks and provocations against the Soviet Union, including moral embargoes and other needlessly hostile expressions. And when Secretary Hull declared in his statement that "the policy of this government remains unchanged" toward the Soviet Union, it is clear that the Administration intends to continue its provocative anti-Soviet attitude, while furnishing the Japanese militarists with the major share of their war materials.

Despite every attempt of Secretary Hull to minimize the Soviet-Japanese Pact, the American people will see it as a world-important victory for the Soviet's policy of peace and neutrality. Moreover, they will recognize it as a gain for themselves and a practical demonstration of how to keep out of the imperialist slaughter. The peace interests of the American people require friendly relations with the Soviet Union—which is just the opposite of the war-spreading policy of the Roosevelt government.



Fred Ellis, Noted Artist, On Leave Of Absence

Fred Ellis, staff cartoonist of the Daily Worker, is on a leave of absence from the paper.

Fred, whose powerful cartoons have been appearing in the "Daily" for more than 15 years, has asked for some time away from the paper to devote himself to painting—an interest which he has been compelled to defer for years because of the pressure of daily work.

We hated to let him go—even for a time—but we knew that Fred Ellis' great artistic talents would enable him to make as great a contribution as a painter as he has already made as a cartoonist.



FRED ELLIS

Fred Ellis, unlike Wendell Willkie, did really come up "the hard way." Born in Chicago, he went to work in the Stockyards of the South Side at the age of 16. Later he became a sign painter and was active in his union in Chicago. A near-fatal accident—he fell from a six-story scaffold while on the job—put Ellis in the hospital for several months.

From boyhood Ellis had revealed talents as an artist, and when he was in the hospital he began to make cartoons. His first work—anti-war cartoons—appeared in "The New Majority" of Chicago. While in the hospital he was visited by John Reed, Robert Minor, and Art Young. Fred Ellis regards Minor as his first and best teacher.

Invited by "Trud," organ of the Soviet trade unions to be their staff cartoonist, Ellis obtained a leave of absence from the Daily Worker in 1931 and went with his family to the USSR. He remained there six years. During that period his work was reproduced in scores of papers throughout Europe where he was already widely known. Exhibitions of his work in Moscow evoked high praise.

During Ellis' absence from the editorial page of the Daily Worker, his co-workers Gropper and Del will hold the fort.

Letters From Our Readers

And So the Day Will Come

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a German who could not attend the Free Thaelmann and Free Browder rally the other night, I enclose \$10 toward the Browder Fighting Fund. If every worker helps a little, then all political prisoners will be freed and so the day will come when all of us will be free! A. D.

No Limit to Their Brutality

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The rulers of America know no limit in their ferocity and have not the slightest consideration for the welfare and wishes of America's families. What brutality and utter disregard for the institutions they themselves demagogically worship!

They cry out to preserve capitalism and thereby preserve the family. And just recently, they came forward with the proposal to draft young boys from 18 to 21. Young boys just out of high school looking forward to college, to jobs, in order to keep the family together. Young boys who want to make a life of their own are having their lives patterned for them, lives of machines in an army dedicated to preserve the rule of a bloodthirsty and profit seeking class of exploiters.

This is not a future which America's youth will accept and the American people, as a whole, will support their desire to defeat this beastly move. R. S.

"Little Dies" Committee Would Resurrect KKK Outrages

Burbank, Oklahoma.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We must work hard to free our great Earl Browder who has been sent by that unjust Supreme Court to the Atlanta prison. That sentence was an abomination to the whole world, and I see the workers of the world are rallying for his liberation.

In Oklahoma, Robert Wood and Alan Shaw were unjustly convicted by a corrupt court and sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. Those were the most venomous decisions I have heard of in a long time. We, Oklahomans must work hard to rescue those great men and their colleagues from the clutches of the vultures who are bent upon devouring them.

In our state we have a "Little Dies" committee. In the Ponca City paper of April 8 there was a statement from this malignant and brutal committee concerning what ought to be done to a young student who had the courage to differ from his father on the matter of politics. They decided that the feeble-minded father should take his brilliant boy out behind the barn and proceed with a lash to beat his boy to a pulp, and that in a secret place where no one could hear his cries to come to his rescue.

It seems that this beastly committee will resurrect the Ku Klux Klan if the good citizens of Oklahoma do not impeach them. No wonder the State of Oklahoma is economically ravished while such men hold office in our State Legislature. P.

The Vinson Bill --- an Anti-Labor Scheme

From the unseemly haste with which the Administration is pushing the Vinson bill in the House, the workers can get a clear estimation of the strikebreaking character of the measure.

First, the bill proposes compulsory mediation by the National Mediation Board, which will take the form of a 30-day "cooling off" period before workers are permitted to exercise their strike rights. Any informed person or experienced worker knows that this whole "cooling off" scheme is merely something to intimidate the workers from raising their just demands and to provide the employers with time to get their tricks and goons lined up. The compulsory "cooling off" period is another name for strikebreaking.

Secondly, the Vinson bill gives a green light to employers to fire union leaders under the red-baiting pretext that such leaders are Communists or advocate "overthrowing the government." The fact that the employer is the sole arbiter in applying this fascist test, is to make it possible for any union member to be discharged if he complains about wages or working conditions or if the employer

merely chooses to get rid of him. This too, besides other features of the bill, make it an outright union-smashing measure.

Strikes grow out of the windfall of enormous profits the employers are receiving while at the same time they refuse to sit down over the conference table and grant the workers a decent wage according to the law of the land. This bill (proposed by the poll tax Rep. Vinson of Georgia) and other schemes which the Administration is sponsoring against the right to strike reveal the organic connection and subservience of the government to monopoly.

Who is it but Knudsen—the very personification of monopoly and an ardent admirer of Hitler—who calls strikes "criminal," while whitewashing the employers who are top-heavy with profits and power. Knudsen's violent anti-labor speech at the Academy of Political Science two days ago was the voice of the White House.

It is certainly high time that unions—A. F. of L. and CIO—speak out against the "cooling off" and other strikebreaking schemes. Workers should immediately write their Representatives urging a quick defeat for the Vinson bill.

HONOR STUDENTS --- 28 BEGIN 'SCHOOL' IN PITTSBURGH JAIL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 17.—There is a "little red schoolhouse" in the Allegheny County jail.

Classes in American history, mathematics, physics and English are being conducted. Students are the men sentenced to the jail for their activity in placing the Communist Party on the ballot last November. Seven of the twenty-eight sentenced are at the Allegheny County Workhouse and four are women, but the remaining seventeen have set up the little school.

The instructor in American history is Ben Findley. A veteran of the Spanish War, where he was wounded, Findley himself personifies the best revolutionary traditions of America. He is a descendant of the Findley family which was active in this part of this state in Revolutionary days.

The mathematics and physics classes are taught by Logan Burkhardt, one of the oldest of the prisoners, a former vice-president of Local 601 UERMWA and for more than twenty years a skilled worker at Westinghouse Electric. Years of self study as well as immense practical knowledge as a result of his work in the giant Westinghouse plant have fitted him for his new job. Burkhardt was sentenced to six months in jail, \$500 fine and costs. He will have to serve an additional three months for non-payment of the fine and the heavy costs unless the defense wins the appeal now pending.

ENGLISH CLASSES

The class in English, whose students include several of the foreign-born workers, has as its teacher, Lloyd Brown. Brown, a leading Negro worker, is the author of the pamphlet "Conspiracy Against Free Elections" now being circulated by the Defense Committee.

Reports from the jail are that all of the students are studying hard. Many of them had hoped to study the History of the Communist

Party of the Soviet Union and other Marxist works but these books were confiscated from them on the day they entered prison.

In addition to class study, all read the Daily Worker carefully and discuss the leading articles and editorials. There are four readers of the Morning Freiheit and several read the Croatian newspaper, Narodny Glasnik. When the Daily Worker first started arriving, letters from the jail were full of the joy of these men and women. They described the eagerness with which the paper was read, the care with which editorials were studied. They wrote that now they were able to keep up with the work being done on the outside, work for peace and for better conditions which they had been carrying on until they were railroaded to jail.

BROWDER INSPIRES HER

Joan Powers, one of the four women, has written saying that the most inspiring thing for her has been the daily quotation from Earl Browder's "The Way Out."

"I have a picture of Comrade Browder, clipped from the Daily Worker, in my cell. And each day I put up the quotation from 'The Way Out,'" she writes.

But though they do not write it, all of course want to get out, to get back into the work. Their spirit has not been dampened by the latest ruling of the Superior Court which denied the rights to ordinary appearance bonds as bail and which condemns them to stay in jail while the appeal is being presented. Next step in the case is the presentation of the appeal itself on May 5, by defense attorneys Frank Schwartz and Cyrus A. Davis.

In that appeal the lawyers will point to the witch hunting atmosphere of the grand jury which handed down indictments after the names of signers of the nominating petitions were published in the Pittsburgh Press. They will cite many laws, both state and Federal, which show that although the

twenty-eight have been convicted for "interference with free elections" there is no such thing in connection with the securing of signatures on nomination petitions. Rather it is the prosecution and conviction of these workers, and the intimidation of signers of the petitions, which is interference with elections since it interferes with the rights of voters to vote for whomever they choose.

CONFIDENT OF SUPPORT

The twenty-eight men and women in jail, and the others still to be sentenced are confident that the defense committee will be able to rally thousands to their interest and defense. With the appeals coming up shortly there is a crucial stage in the legal defense.

This is what Emmett Patrick Cosh, veteran labor figure and chairman of the Defense Committee says:

"There is no question as to guilt or innocence. There is no question but what the twenty-eight were railroaded. It is an open secret in Pittsburgh in high political circles that no political party could ever get on the ballot if the law were applied to all as it has been applied to the Communist Party. They are not in jail for committing any crime. They are in jail for working for peace, for working for the better conditions, the improved livelihood of the men and women of this industrial area."

"The defense needs funds immediately. The total expenses will run to more than \$25,000. The immediate cost of the appeal is in the thousands. Before May 5th, the record and all manner of legal documents must be ready. Lawyers must be paid and money must be sent for the comfort of the prisoners. We must help at once and we are sure we will get it. The response has already been great. We expect and are confident it will continue so. All contributions should be sent to E. P. Cosh, Room 407, 306 Seventh Ave., Pittsburgh."

CONSTANT READER

Shades of Jonathan Swift
And Petroleum V. Nasby
In City College Paper
By SENDER GARLIN

THE wardens of the College of the City of New York will say "boys will be boys" and dismiss it at that. Or, perhaps they won't, and instead send out a general alarm. But there's no doubt that the students of the CCNY Evening Session have done a sweet job in lampooning the present Red-hunt of the Rapp-Coudert Inquisition in their special issue of the "Daily Noose." According to the editors the paper has a circulation of 1,926,000 and Blood Pressure 200.

A perfect parody on Col. Patterson's tabloid of similar name, the "Daily Noose" takes the Rapp-Coudert crowd for a merry ride.

REDS DID WAY INTO LIBRARY is the banner line on the "Daily Noose." The story, of course, is found on page 3. Here we learn that "RED RHYMES" ARE REVEALED IN TEXTS. The story itself makes known the fact that "after six months of intensive investigation, this reporter has unearthed conclusive evidence that the library of the Little Red Schoolhouse on 23rd Street contains books of a subversive and seditious character. Proof was obtained that books are on the shelves which are intended to indoctrinate every school child from kindergarten through college. Patriotic citizens are now clamoring for the tearing down of the building, red brick by red brick, and red book by red book."

The writer adds that to the inexperienced observer it is hard to detect the subtle poison which is being fed to the minds of the children because, from the outside, most books look alike. The real menace, the investigator points out, lies between the covers of these books. Sometimes, it seems, it is necessary to look in between their very lines themselves.

Books which started the investigator into a realization of the seriousness of the situation included "The Three Little Peppers" (all of them red), "Little Red Riding Hood," and "The Scarlet Letter."

The investigator shrewdly comments that "the subtle methods of these subversive instigators is shown in their choice of the adjective 'scarlet' rather than a plain, outspoken 'red.' The chief character allegedly is branded with a big scarlet 'A' on her forehead. This is a subterfuge. Close scrutiny of some old photographs shows that the letter implanted on her forehead is a scarlet 'M'—M standing for Marx and Moscow."

Swiping a photograph of a regulation banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria, the editors splashed it on the front page of their "Daily Noose" with the following caption:

"BORISCHT AND BLINTZES — Red artist's conception of proposed college cafeteria in which, the Crapp Committee claims, vodka, borischt, blintzes, bublichik, and red cabbage will be served exclusively to hungry Moscovites. Plans for decorating the room include the installation of 14 scarlet drapes, 340 spittoons, red mahogany furniture, numbered silverware, and 185 soup plates hand-painted with portraits of Stalin."

The entire issue is crowded with scoops of this kind—so crowded, in fact, that the editors mournfully announce that because of lack of space they were forced to omit 57 columns of advertising. "Who can be bothered with advertisers once a year?" they observe philosophically.

Far from having a cavalier attitude toward culture, the "Daily Noose" devotes a special article to music. "RED MUSIC" IS DISCLOSED AS NEWEST COMMUNIST RUSE is the headline over a sizzling expose which carries this smashing lead:

"Music, which formerly had been a fine art, is being submerged for the purpose of indoctrinating foreign ideologies at the Little Red Schoolhouse at 23rd Street. It was revealed today. . . . Music is well known to be the international language. From an unimpeachable source who has recently returned from several years of wandering in a desert, we learn that the Kremlin was recently faced with either one of two choices. Since it wanted to spread Communist propaganda throughout the world, it would have to reach the masses either by teaching everybody Esperanto or else by means of the international language, Music. We have learned exclusively that the Kremlin has decided on the latter course."

The article points out that the "Listener's Hour" not only spreads an understanding of Music, but that the music played is chosen very carefully. "Red Seal records are used exclusively, among which can be found the works of Rimsky-Korsakoff, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich and others all of whom are undeniably Russian."

Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Flight of the Bumblebee" is especially popular, the investigator discloses, and adds that "already many students have adopted the attitude that the 'bumblebee' represents Communism and flies around to sting the workers of the world into awakening from political lethargy. All the composers, in fact, are noted for their free movement, their unorthodox arrangements, and Shostakovich in particular, used to conduct an orchestra with a baton held in his left hand."

The expose of subversive musical activities at City College is, unfortunately, not lavishly illustrated. But this lack is compensated for by the vivid candid-camera shot of the Red Gun Moll (e lone Moscow agent) attempting to persuade the editor of "The Noose" to suppress sensational story on the Red Book Nook at the Little Red Schoolhouse. The caption writer reports that "after a two-hour tussle with the shapely Sovietette, the editor emerged tired, but triumphant. Details of the fracas were red-penned by Crapp Committee, but story of red propaganda in college library books appears in this issue." (Already referred to above—S. G.)

The four de force, in this column's opinion, is the editorial, done in the best tradition of Capt. Patterson tabloid, entitled, "What Should Be Done About Russia?"

Not desiring to carry coals to Pittsburgh, we quote the editorial in full.

"In the light of present affairs Russia has become a new thorn in the side. We do not like the Russians and their methods. The Russians do not like us and our methods. This would indicate a stalemate."

"But we must be realistic. We can always turn back to hating Russia later, after we get what we want now. We must ask Russia to state her peace aims. After we know Russia's peace aims, we can determine our war aims. We think this is a very good idea, and if the State Department wishes to make use of it, they have our full approval. In fact, we insist upon it."

"We just got another idea. . . . We don't think, but it is our duty to be realistic. In the interests of realism, we believe that our foreign affairs should follow a pattern of friendship with Russia."

"Surprised, aren't you?"

A CCNY Evening Student sent me a copy of the "Daily Noose." It seems to be the only copy extant, the edition having been grabbed up either by the students or agents of the Rapp-Coudert Committee. Hence this column considered it its patriotic duty to quote from it in extenso.

Stage Notes

Leading alumni of the New Theatre School—some of whom have become leading lights in the Broadway Theatre—will be together with the present student body of the school will hold a Reunion Dance tonight at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street for the benefit of the New Theatre School Scholarship Fund.

The long and illustrious list of guests includes: Saul Aarons, Ben Bengali, Phoebe Brand, Lee Cobb, Muri Diamond, Will Geer, Tony Kraber, Alfred Kreymborg, Canada Lee, Bobby Lewis, Albert Malitz, Lou Polan, Lionel Stander,

Blitzstein is being given tonight by the company of "No For An Answer" in the Georgian Room of the Plovid Hotel, 237 W. 45th St. at 10:30 P. M. Sponsors of the dinner include Paul Robeson, Lee J. Cobb, Gene Kelly of "Pal Joey," Lincoln Kirstein and John Henry Hammond.

Marc Blitzstein will play some of his early compositions and also present some new work as yet unproduced. Reservations are available through the office of "No For An Answer," Lackawanna 4-6487, and proceeds will be utilized for further production of the opera.

'His Memory Will Remain Precious Forever'; Frederick Douglass Pays Tribute to Lincoln

Great Negro Statesman Voiced the Feelings of an Oppressed People

Sixty-five years ago—on April 14, 1876—Frederick Douglass, whose autobiographical classic has just been issued by Pathway Press, delivered an oration in Lincoln Park, Washington, D. C., on the occasion of the unveiling of the Freedman's Monument in memory of Abraham Lincoln. We publish today an abridged version of this historic address.—Editor's Note.

By Frederick Douglass

Friends and Fellow-Citizens:

I warmly congratulate you upon the highly interesting object which has caused you to assemble in such numbers and spirit as you have today. This occasion is in some respects remarkable. Wise and thoughtful men of our race,

who shall come after us, and study the lesson of our history in the United States; who shall survey the long and dreary spaces over which we have travelled; who shall count the lifelines in the great chain of events by which we have reached our present position, will make a note of this occasion; they will think of it and speak of it with a sense of manly pride and complacency.

We are here, with the stately pillars and majestic dome of the Capitol of the nation looking down upon us; we are here, with the broad earth freshly adorned with the foliage and flowers of spring for our church, and all races, colors, and conditions of men for our congregation—in a word, we are here to express, as best we may, by appropriate forms and ceremonies, our grateful sense of the vast, high, and pre-eminent services rendered to ourselves, to our race, to our country, and to the whole world by Abraham Lincoln.

The First Time In History

The sentiment that brings us here today is one of the noblest that can stir and thrill the human heart. It has crowned and made glorious the high places of all civilized nations with the grandest and most enduring works of art, designed to illustrate the characters and perpetuate the memories of great public men. It is the sentiment which from year to year adorns with fragrant and beautiful flowers the graves of our loyal, brave, and patriotic soldiers who fell in defense of the Union and liberty. It is the sentiment of gratitude and appreciation, which often, in presence of many who hear me, has filled yonder heights of Arlington with the eloquence of eulogy and the sublime enthusiasm of poetry and song; a sentiment which can never die while the Republic lives.

For the first time in the history of our people, and in the history of the whole American people, we join in this high worship, and march conspicuously in the line of this time-honored custom. First things are always interesting, and this is one of our first things. It is the first time that, in this form and manner, we have sought to do honor to an American great man, however deserving and illustrious. We, the colored people, newly emancipated and rejoicing in our blood-bought freedom, near the close of the first century in the life of this Republic, have now and here unveiled, set apart, and dedicated a monument of enduring granite and bronze, in every line, feature, and figure of which the mer of this generation may read, and those of after-coming generations may read, something of the exalted character and great works of Abraham Lincoln, the first martyr President of the United States.

In what we have said and done today, and in what we may say and do hereafter, we disclaim everything like arrogance and assumption. We claim for ourselves no superior devotion to the character, history, and memory of the illustrious name whose monument we have here dedicated today. We fully comprehend the relation of Abraham Lincoln both to ourselves and to the white people of the United States.

'Our Faith Never Failed'

Fellow-citizens, ours is no new-born zeal and devotion—merely a thing of this moment. The name of Abraham Lincoln was near and

dear to our hearts in the darkest and most perilous hours of the Republic. We were no more ashamed of him when shrouded in clouds of darkness, of doubt, and defeat than when we saw him crowned with victory, honor, and glory. Our faith in him was often taxed and strained to the uttermost, but it never failed. When he tarried long in the mountain; when he strangely told us that we were the cause of the war; when he still more strangely told us to leave the land in which we were born; when he refused to employ our arms in defense of the Union; when, after accepting our services as colored soldiers, he refused to retaliate our murder and torture as colored prisoners; when he told us he would save the Union if he could with slavery; when he revoked the Proclamation of Emancipation of General Fremont; when he refused to remove the popular commander of the Army of the Potomac, in the days of its inaction and defeat, who was more zealous in his efforts to protect slavery than to suppress rebellion; when we saw all this, and more, we were at times grieved, stunned, and greatly bewildered; but our hearts believed while they ached and bled. Nor was this, even at that time, a blind and unreasoning superstition. Despite the mist and haze that surrounded him; despite the tumult, the hurry, and confusion of the hour, we were able to take a comprehensive view of Abraham Lincoln, and to make reasonable allowance for the circumstances of his position. We saw him, measured him, and estimated him; not by stray utterances, but by broad survey, in the light

of the stern logic of great events, and in view of that divinity which shapes our ends, roughs how them time; how we will, we came to the conclusion that the hour and the man of our redemption had somehow met in the person of Abraham Lincoln. It mattered little to us what language he might employ on special occasions; it mattered little to us, when we fully knew him, whether he was swift or slow in his movements; it was enough for us that Abraham Lincoln was at the head of a great movement, and was in living and earnest sympathy with that movement, which in the nature of things, must go on until slavery should be utterly and forever abolished in the United States.

Words of Deliberance

Can any colored man, or any white man friendly to the freedom of all men, ever forget the night

which followed the first day of January, 1863, when the world was to see if Abraham Lincoln would prove to be as good as his word? I shall never forget that memorable night, when in a distant city I waited and watched at a public meeting, with three thousand others not less anxious than myself, for the word of deliverance which we have heard read to-day. Nor shall I ever forget the outburst of joy and thanksgiving that rent the air when the lightning brought to us the emancipation proclamation. In that happy hour we forgot all delay, and forgot all tardiness, forgot that the President had trilled the rebels to lay down their arms by a promise to withhold the bolt which would smite the slave-system with destruction; and we were thenceforward willing to allow the President all the latitude of time, phraseology, and every honorable device that statesmanship might require for the achievement of a great and beneficent measure of liberty and progress.

I have said that President Lincoln's great mission was to accomplish two things: first, to save his country from dismemberment and ruin; and second, to free his country from the great crime of slavery. To do one or the other, or both, he must have the earnest sympathy and the powerful cooperation of his loyal fellow-countrymen. Without this primary and essential condition to success his efforts must have been vain and utterly fruitless. Had he put the abolition of slavery before the salvation of the Union, he would have inevitably driven from him a powerful class of the American people and rendered resistance to rebellion impossible. Viewed from the genuine abolition ground, Mr. Lincoln seemed tardy, cold, dull, and indifferent; but measuring him by the sentiment of his country, a sentiment he was bound as a statesman to consult, he was swift, zealous, radical, and determined. . . .

The Judgment Of Time

Fellow-citizens, whatever else in this world may be partial, unjust, and uncertain, time, time is impartial, just, and certain in its action. In the realm of mind, as well as in the realm of matter, it is a great worker, and often works wonders. The honest and comprehensive statesman, clearly discerning the needs of his country, and earnestly endeavoring to do his whole duty, though covered and blistered with reproaches, may safely leave his course to the silent judgment of time. Few great public men have

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ever been the victims of fiercer denunciation than Abraham Lincoln was during his administration. He was often wounded in the house of his friends. Reproaches came thick and fast upon him from within and from without, and from opposite quarters. He was assailed by Abolitionists; he was assailed by slave-holders; he was assailed by the men who were for peace at any price; he was assailed by those who were for a more vigorous prosecution of the war; he was assailed for not making the war an abolition war; and he was most bitterly assailed for making the war an abolition war.

But now behold the change: the judgment of the present hour is that taking him for all in all, measuring the tremendous magnitude of the work before him, considering the necessary means to ends, and surveying the end from the beginning, infinite wisdom has seldom sent any man into the world better fitted for his mission than Abraham Lincoln. His birth, his training, and his natural endowments, both mental and physical, were strongly in his favor. Born and reared among the lowly, a stranger to wealth and luxury, compelled to grapple single-handed with the flintiest hardships of life, from tender youth to sturdy manhood, he grew strong in the manly and heroic qualities demanded by the great mission to which he was called by the votes of his countrymen. The hard condition of his early life, which would have depressed and broken down weaker men, only gave greater life, vigor, and buoyancy to the heroic spirit of Abraham Lincoln. He was ready for any kind and any quality of work. What other young men dreaded in the shape of toil, he took hold of with the utmost cheerfulness.

A Great Liberator

A spade, a rake, a hoe,
A pick-axe, or a bill;
A hook to reap, a scythe to mow,
A flail, or what you will.
A formidable rebellion rose in his path before him; the Union was already practically dissolved; his country was torn and rent asunder at the centre. Hostile armies were already organized against the Republic, armed with the munitions of war which the Republic had provided for its own defense. The tremendous question for him to decide was whether his country should survive the crisis and flourish, or be dismembered and perish. His predecessor in office had already decided the question in favor of national dismemberment, by denying to the right of self-defense and self-preservation—a right which belongs to the meanest insect. . . .

Fellow-citizens, the fourteenth day of April, 1865, of which this is the eleventh anniversary, is now and will ever remain a memorable day in the annals of this Republic. It was on the evening of this day, while a fierce and sanguinary rebellion was in the last stages of its

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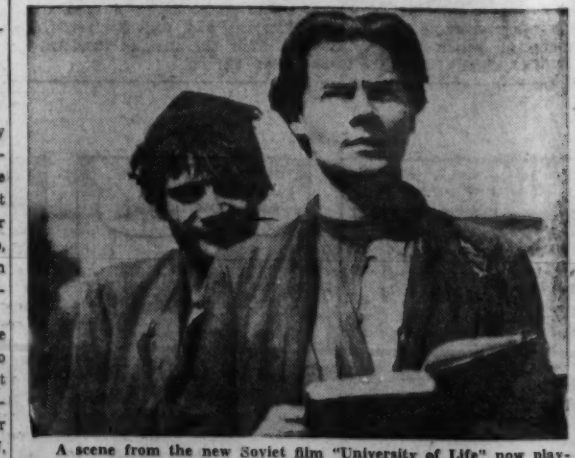
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